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FOR AMBASSADOR PEDERSEN FROM MUDD

1. DURING MY CALL AUGUST 24 AT FONOFF RE POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO BUDAPEST BY COMMERCE SECRETARY DENT, ACTING CHIEF OF PROTOCOL (TOTH) ASKED ME TO GIVE HIM PRECISE TIME WHEN YOU EXPECT TO ARRIVE AT HUNGARIAN BORDER SEPTEMBER. SAID GOH WISHES TO DISPENSE WITH FORMALITIES AND TO THAT END DESIRES TO INFORM BORDER GUARDS RE YOUR ARRIVAL.

2. TOTH ALSO GAVE ME OUTLINE OF FORMALITIES YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO GO THROUGH YOUR FIRST TWO DAYS HERE. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL LAJOS NAGY WILL CALL AT YOUR HOME ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, ON COURTESY VISIT. NEXT DAY YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO RETURN COURTESY BY CALLING ON HIM AT HIS OFFICE. AFTER THESE FORMALITIES ARE COMPLETED YOU WILL CALL ON JANOS NAGY WHO IS IN CHARGE OF US, CANADIAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. AS YOU KNOW HE IS FORMER AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

3. PRESIDENT OF PRESIDENTIAL COUNCIL PAL LOSONCZI WILL HAVE RETURNED FROM HIS VACATION AND IS PREPARED TO RECEIVE YOU AT AN EARLY DATE. UPON YOUR ARRIVAL WE WILL HAVE READY FOR YOUR APPROVAL DRAFT OF YOUR REMARKS ON THAT OCCASION FOR FORWARDING IN TURN TO DEPARTMENT FOR ITS APPROVAL. WE HOPE FOR SPEEDY DEPARTMENT APPROVAL SO THAT YOU CAN PRESENT YOUR CREDENTIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING FROM YOU AT YOUR EARLIEST
CONVENIENCE RE YOUR TRAVEL PLANS SO THAT WE MAY RESPOND
PROMPTLY TO FONOFF REQUEST. (FYI UNDER NORMAL DRIVING
CONDITIONS TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN VIENNA AND HUNGARIAN BORDER
IS ONE HOUR.
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